

NO PRECEDENT BROKEN

Haldane's Predecessor Visited the United States.

Copyright, 1913, by the Brentwood Company. Viscount Haldane is not the first Lord High Chancellor and Keeper of the Great Seal to leave the United Kingdom, and the statements published to the effect that his crossing the Atlantic to attend the meeting of the American Bar Association at Montreal at the end of August is a breaking of all precedent are erroneous, for his predecessor in office, Lord Loreburn, who occupied the woolsack until last year, visited Canada in September, 1867, his arrival attracting a considerable amount of attention by reason of the fact that he was the first Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain who had ever set foot on the shores of the Western Hemisphere while in office. Lord Loreburn spent some time in Canada, and, if my memory serves me aright, also crossed over the border into the United States, although he reached and left the New World by way of Halifax.

While there is an ancient statute still in force which strictly forbids the Great Seal of England from being taken out of the kingdom, there is no law that directly forbids its official keeper from leaving the country. Inasmuch, however, as he is the official custodian of the Great Seal, and it is supposed never to be out of his possession, it naturally follows that his absences from Great Britain are attended with difficulty; but he cannot leave the country without the express permission of the sovereign, who, together with the Premier, makes special arrangements for the care and custody of the Great Seal while the Lord High Chancellor is abroad.

But Once Out of England.

If English law is so strict about the Great Seal not leaving England, it is because the Great Seal is one of the principal instruments of sovereignty, without which no legal value can be given to any acts of state, or to any documents bearing the sign-manual of the monarch. In fact, it is used on all occasions when the will of the ruler is to be officially expressed. It is used for all acts of state, for writs to summon Parliament, for the ratification of foreign treaties, etc., and all these documents have no legal value unless sealed with the Great Seal. That is why James II, on his flight from England, deliberately dropped the Great Seal into the river rather than carry it away with him to France, it was because he believed that he was being closely pursued, and that he was almost certain of being captured before he reached the mouth of the river. The seal, it may be remembered, was recovered in the nets of a fisherman.

Earl of Morley in New York.

The Earl of Morley, who arrived in New York last night on the Mauritania, is not the viscount of that name, who is Lord President of the Privy Council and one of the principal members of the Asquith Cabinet, but is the earl of that ilk and head of the ancient Devonshire house of Parker. He is no stranger here, having been much in the United States and Canada under the name of Viscount Horncastle prior to the death of his father. He was also over here when Lord Grey was Governor General of Canada. For his mother is a sister of Lady Grey, with whom he stayed at Ottawa, and he is also a nephew of Colonel Sir George Holford, equestrian of King George and owner of Duxbury House, in London.

Lord Morley was badly wounded in the South African war, through which he served as an officer of yeomanry. Still unmarried, he has undergone some remarkable experiences, and for a time was reported as missing. It was while traveling in the Andes where he almost lost his life. Returning from Norfolk Island to Sydney, Australia, the ship *Avalon* caught fire, and her commander decided to run to Hope Island, which was about a hundred miles off. When within a couple of miles of shore all on board were compelled to take to the boats, and before the latter had got more than five hundred yards away there was a terrific explosion, the ship immediately disappearing beneath the surface in a column of flame and smoke. The shipwrecked people were obliged to remain on Hope Island for several weeks before being finally rescued by a passing ship, and returned to civilization to find that they had been given up for lost.

Among the distinguished members of Lord Morley's family was the famous Admiral Sir Hyde Parker, who destroyed the Dutch fleet at the Dogger Bank in 1811, and afterward, sailing on board his flagship, the *Cato*, from Rio, bound for the West Indies, vanished with his ship and all his crew from human ken, as completely as the missing Archduke John of Austria, and was never heard of again.

Lord Morley's country seat, at Saltair, is said to be the largest, if not the finest, mansion in the County of Devon, and possesses an unrivaled collection of portraits by Sir Joshua Reynolds. It is within easy distance of Plymouth, a seaport for which both the first and second ears of Morley did much, among other things, constructing a great drydock in Catwater Bay for the repairing of merchantmen.

MARQUISE DE FONTENAY.

WISE ENTERTAINS JUDGES

Federal Jurists Dinner Guests of U. S. Attorney and Staff.

Henry A. Wise, United States Attorney, and the members of his staff gave a dinner last night to the federal judges of the Judicial Circuit at the Union League Club, as the change in the administration will mean a change in the personnel of the federal prosecutor's office.

Those present were Circuit Judges E. Henry Lacon, Alfred C. Cox, Henry G. Noyes and Walter C. Noyes, Judge Julian W. Mack of the Commerce Court, and District Judges George G. Holt, Learned Hand, Julius M. Mayer, George W. Ray, John R. Hazel and Van Vechten Verner.

The members of Mr. Wise's staff of assistants who entertained the judges were Goldthwaite H. Dorr, Addison S. Pratt, Isaac H. Levy, Carl E. Whitney, Harry N. Arnold, James R. Knapp, John E. Walker, Henry A. Guiller, Claude A. Thompson, Roger B. Wood, Robert Stephenson, Frank M. Roosa, John N. Boyle, Charles H. Griffiths, Kenneth A. Spence, Ernest B. Griffiths, Raymond G. Brown, James S. Bradley, Evan Shelly, W. S. Ball and Samuel Herschstein.

Others present were William M. Womble, Special Attorney General; Felix Frankfurter, solicitor to the War Department; Emory R. Buckner, John W. H. Crim, Abel L. Smith, Jr., Roger H. Clark and Harold S. Denning.

HOME SECRETARY ISSUES REPLY TO HIS CRITICS

Says He Released Incendiary Suffragette in Order to Save Her Life.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 1.—The Home Secretary, Reginald McKenna, has found it expedient to reply to the indictment made by the Mayor of Richmond of his action in releasing Lillian Lenton, the suffragette who was under demand in Holloway Prison on a charge of being concerned in burning down the tea pavilion in Kew Gardens. Mr. McKenna says three courses were open to him—first, to leave her to die; second, to attempt to free her forcibly, which the medical officer advised would probably entail death in her existing condition; and, third, to release her on her undertaking to surrender herself for a further hearing of the case.

The Home Secretary adopted the last course. Meanwhile Miss Lenton has not yet been re-arrested, and on inquiry at the offices of the Women's Social and Political Union it was stated that Miss Lenton is still in an exceedingly precarious condition.

In view of the fact that the authorities are acquainted with her whereabouts, it is understood that the warrant will not be executed until she has somewhat recovered.

Mr. Peckham Lawrence states he has medical authority for stating that her condition is exceedingly grave. She is suffering from pleurisy, and also, it is feared, from septal pneumonia.

MRS. WEST TO TESTIFY

Case First on Divorce Court's Calendar for Next Week.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

London, March 1.—Mrs. George Cornwall-West has had her petition for restitution of conjugal rights against her young husband set for hearing on Monday. Application was made in private chambers before the divorce judge to-day for the case to be expedited on Mrs. Cornwall-West's behalf. The judge accepted the reasons offered for accelerating the hearing and instructed that the action be placed first on the list next week.

The case is now entered in the official schedule as "West J. vs. West G. F. M. C." The suit is classed as an unusual action, and the procedure on Monday will be somewhat as follows:

A King's counsel retained by Mrs. Cornwall-West's solicitors will shortly state the facts to the president of the divorce division of the High Court of Justice, who is hearing the case. Mrs. West will then go on the witness stand to testify to her husband's desertion, and if this is considered sufficient evidence Sir Samuel Evans, the president, will formally order the husband to resume cohabitation in a certain number of days.

The hearing may not last longer than ten minutes and must be held in public court.

COLOMBIA'S GRIEVANCE

Tells of Proposals by United States Which She Refused.

Bogota, Feb. 28.—The Colombian government today published a statement in the press of the negotiations between it and the United States for the settlement of the dispute over the partition of Panama. The statement says Colombia has refused the following informal propositions made by the United States:

"First—The payment of \$200,000 for coaling stations on the islands of Andres and Providence and an option for a canal by way of the Atitro River.

"Second—The good offices of the United States in the settlement of the boundary and other questions with Panama.

"Third—Arbitration of reversionary rights in the Panama Railroad.

"Fourth—Preferential rights on the Panama Canal.

The statement says that after the rejection of these propositions James J. Du Bois, the American Minister to Colombia, informally asked whether the United States should offer to Colombia \$600,000 and all the other propositions without asking privileges or options Colombia would accept. To this the Colombian Foreign Minister answered in the negative, declaring that the offer of the United States had been refused entirely as being unacceptable and that Colombia demanded arbitration of the entire question or a direct proposition as to compensation for all her losses in Panama.

The Colombian government evidently expects a better proposition from the incoming Democratic administration at Washington, and is considered to have made public its statement in order to defend itself from criticism for refusing the offer of the present government.

NEW SWISS CUT-OFF

Railroad Saves Eighty Miles on Calais-Milan Route.

Geneva, Feb. 28.—The last rail of the Loetschberg Railroad, joining Berne with Brig, was laid to-day. The new road opens an international highway to North and South Europe by way of the Loetschberg and Simplon tunnels across the Central Alps. Express trains will run over the new line next week.

The successful completion of the work, which was attended by tremendous difficulties, is considered a great triumph for French engineering.

The completion of the Loetschberg Railroad, which embraces the famous Loetschberg tunnel, forms the last link of a through route from London to the principal tourist points in Italy, by way of Calais, Berne and Milan. The distance from Calais to Milan will be 65 miles, or nearly eighty miles less than by the old route.

PAYS \$1,700 FOR "STORM."

Inness Painting Goes to Schultheiss at Lichtenauer High Price.

The sale of the Lichtenauer collection of paintings conducted by Thomas E. Kirby, of the American Art Association, ended last night at the Hotel Plaza with a total of \$6,150 for the session and the period of the day.

For a middle bronze vase of the same price as the Chou form, R. H. Lorenz paid the same price, for a bronze are over \$1,200 for a sacrificial jar, and \$2,00 for a vase of Chou form and of the period of the Han dynasty.

For a middle bronze vase of the same price as the Chou form, R. H. Lorenz paid \$1,500 for an inlaid bronze animal vessel. The sale will end this afternoon.

JEWEI-LICRKSHAN.

Plainfield, N. J., Feb. 28.—Miss Irene Meier, Crucikshank, daughter of Simon A. Crucikshank, of this city, and John A. Jewett, of Cherry Hill, Me., were married at 6 o'clock to-night in the home of the bride's father. The bridegroom attended by Dr. S. L. Stoddard of Jersey City, assisted by the Rev. Dr. J. S. Zelle, of the First Methodist Church. An October entitled "Sticks" went to P. O. McDonald for \$600.

END OF WAR IN SIGHT

CASTRO GOES UNINVITED

Turkey to Refer Her Case to Powers Unconditionally.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

DIPLOMAT'S WANT PEACE Danger Otherwise That All Their Recent Work Will Have Been in Vain.

(By Cable to The Tribune.)

Following It, He Says, Has Meant the Willing Sacrifice of His Life Interests.

Hayama, Feb. 28.—Several local newspapers, including the "Colombia," having printed reports to-day that President-elect Wilson had invited Cipriano Castro to attend the inauguration, the ex-President of Venezuela replied to questions on the subject put to him this afternoon as follows:

"I have not been invited to the inauguration by President-elect Wilson, but I am going of my own accord. You may absolutely and without qualification do all stories to the contrary. Several Cuban newspapers have published stories for which they alone are accountable. I accept no responsibility whatever for them."

General Castro expressed his admiration for Mr. Wilson and gave to The Associated Press the following statement:

"My opinion is that the magnificent future of the American continent was saved with the triumph of the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson. I understand that the policy of Mr. Wilson, judging from his political documents that have been circulated to me, is to the present, is one of equity, justice and mutual respect, which is precisely what the Latin-American peoples have claimed from their sister republics of the North."

"If this is so, as we should expect it to be, coming as it does from such a prominent authority, the die is cast, and it would be a crime not only to go back, but even to impose the triumphant march of the American continent, which is destined to perform such important duties in the future fortunes of humanity."

"This is the grand ideal which I have followed and by which, with much pleasure, I have sacrificed my life interests and the tranquillity of my family. But I shall be satisfied if we reach the end of our journey with the standard of American rights and our integrity saved. In a word, my motto today is union and continental brotherhood."

General Castro will leave for Key West tomorrow morning and will arrive in Washington on March 3. From the capital he will proceed for New York on March 8. After that date his plans have not been arranged, but it is probable he will sail in a few days to rejoin his wife and sisters, who are at Teneriffe, Canary Islands.

General Castro spent the day quietly. He took breakfast and dined this evening with a coterie of Venezuelan and Cuban veterans and attended the theatre to-night.

General Acosta, formerly of Castro's army, told The Associated Press to-day that Castro considered the moment now ripe for his return to Venezuela. He said the ex-President hoped eventually to return to his native land, but that he would not go there until the people called him.

No banquet has been given General Castro here. The only recognition he has received at the hands of the Cuban government was an audience by President Gomez and the loan of the ministerial band to receive him.

Rumors that Castro came to Cuba in connection with a filibustering expedition against Venezuela still lack confirmation. Former President Zelaya of Nicaragua was not invited here and General Reyes, ex-President of Colombia, has had no conferences with the Venezuelan. It is said that Castro had the refusal of two boats here for filibustering purposes, but declared he did not want them.

CASTRO BARRED FROM INAUGURAL PARADE

Wilson Denies as "Falsehood" Report He Had Invited Ex-Dictator to Washington.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, Feb. 28.—Cipriano Castro, exiled dictator of Venezuela, who is now in Havana circulating stories that he intends to participate in the inauguration parade on March 4, is doomed to disappointment if he has intentions on the subject, as Major General Leonard A. Wood, grand marshal of the parade, says that he certainly will be barred.

The parade will be typically American and no foreigners will be permitted to march or to participate in the demonstration in any way," declared General Wood when informed of Castro's reported plans.

State Department officials announced to-day that Minister Beaumer had called from Havana that Christine Castro, the Venezuelan, had announced that President-elect Wilson had invited him to the inauguration ceremony.

As was said, it is one of the great impersonations of the lyric stage. Mr. Braden sang King Mark as effectively as King Mark can be sung, and Mr. Goritz, if his voice was explosive, at least made a vital human figure after the too often Kriegsmarie. Mr. Toscanini seemed inspired by the occasion and brought out from his orchestra incomparable beauty.

Twenty years ago Vreeland was a contractor in Northern New Jersey. His father, David Henry Vreeland, founded the contracting firm of Vreeland & Robinson. After his death Vreeland took charge of the work. Besides his interest in the firm, Vreeland, it is said, received a bequest of \$6,000 from his father.

Vreeland is said to have done much construction work years ago in Newark for the Lackawanna Railroad. He is said to have constructed a church in Elizabeth.

Four years ago he became separated from his wife, who is living in Ridge street, Newark. She and two daughters survive him.

—HENRY S. RANKEN.

Troy, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Henry Stearns Ranken, for many years a prominent manufacturer of knit goods at Cohoes, who was long identified with banking interests, died this afternoon at his home in Albany, at the age of seventy-five years.

The Irish players will present "Cants," a one-act comedy by Lady Gregory, for the first time here at Wallack's Theatre, Monday evening. The programme also includes Lady Gregory's "The Rising of the Moon" and Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World."

The two characters that carry the story of "Cants" are the friendly editors of rival newspapers in the town of Cloon. Once a week they meet to decide which shall support one side of a question and which the other. A draft forces them to put on the coats they have hung on the wall. Each tells the other he has written an article to be put up until it is needed. They take the articles from their pockets, but having exchanged coats learn that the other has really written an obituary notice. One resents being killed off before his time, the other angrily objects to having his name associated with a former resident of Cloon. A fierce quarrel breaks forth, but at its height apologies and peace are brought in with the arrival of an apple pie.

—A CHRISTIE MCDONALD OPERA.

"Sweet-Hearts" was decided upon yesterday as the name for the new Christie McDonald opera which is at present in rehearsal. The score of the new piece is by Victor Herbert and the book by Harry R. Smith and Frederick de Gresac. Robert R. Smith wrote the lyrics. The present plan is to give "Sweet-Hearts" a hearing in Baltimore at the Academy of Music on Easter Monday.

—THEATRICAL NOTES.

All road bookings for May Irwin in "Widow by Proxy" for the spring have been cancelled on account of her success at George M. Cohan's Theatre.

Fred Stone, of "The Lady of the Slipper" company, will shoot in the contest for amateur marksmanship at Madison Square Garden early this afternoon during the National Sportsman's Show.

Douglas J. Wood, last seen here as Whispering Alice in "The Greyhound," has been engaged by John Cort for an important role in "The Iron Door," by Allan Davis.

Burton Holmes closes his New York season to-morrow night at Carnegie Hall, with "Panama" as his topic.

Miss Lillian Russell was invited to take part in the suffrage parade at Washington yesterday morning. Miss Russeil will be one of the three representative American women to pose on the steps of the Capitol as Faith, Hope and Charity. The other two are Lillian Norton and Mary Garden.

The National Federation of Theatre Clubs will celebrate its first anniversary Sunday evening with a dinner at the Hotel Marquette, which will be followed by an entertainment of music and drama.

Governor Sulzer sat dinner at the American Corner, Waldorf-Astoria, T. p. m.

—GEORGE CLEVELAND DEAD.

(By Telegraph to The Tribune.)

Orange, N. J., Feb. 28.—George Cleveland, founder of the Cleveland Baking Powder Company, died this evening at the home of his son-in-law, Charles